

We claim:

1. A method for providing enhanced service activation for auxiliary services that provide access to one or more existing messaging accounts belonging to one or more account holders, the auxiliary services being provided by service providers distinct from the account providers providing the one or more existing messaging accounts, the method comprising:

receiving a request for activation of the one or more auxiliary services from the one or more account holders;

accessing registration information for the one or more existing messaging accounts; and

providing for service activation for the one or more auxiliary services, wherein information related to the existing messaging accounts is utilized for providing for service activation for the one or more auxiliary services so that no substantial additional activation information has to be provided by the one or more account holders.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more auxiliary services is at least telephone access to an existing electronic mail account.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more auxiliary services is related to access of an existing electronic mail account.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
prompting for a user selected personal access code for the one or more auxiliary services.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing an auxiliary services selection button on an access screen for the one or more existing messaging accounts.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 accessing registration information for the one or more existing messaging accounts.

1 7. A method for providing enhanced service activation for a user's electronic mail account,
2 the method comprising:
3 providing an enhanced service activation selector for an enhanced service related to the
4 electronic mail account;
5 receiving an activation request via the activation selector for the enhanced service related
6 to the electronic mail account;
7 processing the activation request by accessing information related to the electronic mail
8 account; and
9 activating the enhanced service related to the electronic mail account, wherein
10 information relating to the electronic mail account is used to activate the enhanced service thus
11 requiring minimal input from the user.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the electronic mail account is a Web based electronic
2 mail account.

1 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the information related to the electronic mail account is
2 stored on a network file server.

1 10. The method of claim 7, wherein the enhanced service is telephone access to the electronic
2 mail account.

1 11. The method of claim 7, wherein the enhanced service is access to the electronic mail
2 account via one or more secondary devices.

1 12. An enhanced service registration method for providing user access to a first service
2 provided by a first service provider by one or more other enhanced services provided by one or
3 more other enhanced service providers distinct from the first service provider, the method
4 comprising:

5 receiving registration information for activation of the first service;
6 storing the registration information for the first service;
7 receiving a request for activation of one or more of the other enhanced services;
8 accessing the stored registration information for the first service; and
9 activating the one or more other enhanced services using the stored registration
10 information from the first service, wherein activation is performed without requesting undue
11 additional input from the user.

1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein receiving registration information for activation of the
2 first service comprises:

3 receiving identifying information from the user.

1 14. The method of claim 12, wherein the registration information is stored in a network file
2 server.

1 15. The method of claim 12, wherein the enhanced services is at least one of telephone access
2 to electronic mail, facsimile access to electronic mail and pager access to electronic mail.

1 16. The method of claim 12, the request for activation is received via a selection mechanism
2 provided with the first service.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the first service is electronic mail and the enhanced
2 service is access to the electronic mail via phone.

1 18. The method of claim 12, wherein the only additional input required from the user is a
2 personal identification number.

1 19. The method of claim 12, wherein the only additional input required from the user is a
2 password.

1 20. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 providing an advertisement one or more of the enhanced services, wherein selecting the
3 advertisement operates as request for activation of the one or more of the enhanced services.

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